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SUBJECT: FISH HARVESTING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

SUMMARY: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MAY 1974 USDOC FISH HARVESTING
EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION TO IRAN ALSO ADD EGYPT TO ITS ITINERARY.

ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC (1) CONTACT MISSION MEMBERS AND DETERMINE
IF THEY WISH VISIT EGYPT; (2) INFORM EMBASSY ASAP OF THEIR PLANS
SO HOTEL RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY TDY MARKET RESEARCH OFFICER (MRO) KILLOUGH
THAT MEMBERS OF USDOC-SPONSORED FISH HARVESTING EQUIPMENT
SPECIALIZED TRADE MISSION (TM) SCHEDULED VISIT IRAN LATTER PART OF
NEXT MONTH ALSO INTERESTED ADDING OTHER APPROPRIATE COUNTRIES IN
AREA TO THEIR ITINERARY. UNDERSTAND GROUP HAS ACROSS-THE-BOARD
EXPERTISE IN ALL PHASES OF BOAT BUILDING, FISH HARVESTING,
PROCESSING, MARKETING AND POSSIBLY WILLING DISCUSS JOINT VENTURE/
LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AFTER IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS MRO MADE CALL ON CHAIRMAN AND
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S MARINE RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT WHO GAVE FOLLOWING GENERAL REVIEW OF STATUS AND DEVELOP-
MENT PLANS AND MAJOR PROJECTS WITHIN THIS SECTOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMY.

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3. IN 1973 EGYPT'S CATCH ALL KINDS OF FISH WAS 110,000 TONS,

REPRESENTING PERHAPS ONE-THIRD OF NATION'S MEDIUM RANGE HARVEST POTENTIAL. FISHING IS PRINCIPAL MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD AT LEAST 150,000 EGYPTIAN FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY OF THE 35,000 MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED FISHING COOPERATIVES. MINISTRY HAS FOLLOWING FOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT BY LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT (MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS)
(A) LAKE NASSER (ABOVE ASWAN HIGH DAM)	12
(B) RED SEA - GULF OF SUEZ	27
(C) NORTHERN LAKES	30
(D) MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL WATERS	12
TOTAL	81

4. FIRST TWO PROJECTS ARE SHARPLY DEFINED, E.G., WITH CLEAR-CUT PROJECTIONS FOR NUMBERS AND KINDS OF FISHING VESSELS AND OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT NEEDED. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN CONTACTING AMERICAN COMPANIES ABLE TO DO FRESH FEASIBILITY AND TECHNICAL STUDIES OF THIRD AND FOURTH AREAS ABOVE. NOTE: NORTHERN LAKES PROJECT MUST ADDRESS PROBLEM OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION IN ALEXANDRIA AREA. CHAIRMAN ISSUED CORDIAL INVITATION TO TM MEMBERS VISIT CAIRO FOR UP TO TWO DAYS OF MINISTRY-ORGANIZED BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED BY 2 DAYS OF FIELD VISITS TO PROJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS - E.G., TO LAKE NASSER, GULF OF SUEZ, NORTHERN LAKES AND ALEXANDRIA AND NORTHERN COAST.

5. FISH PROCESSING, PACKING AND MARKETING WAS NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL - AS THIS IS IN PROVINCE OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. EMBASSY WILL, UPON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY TM MEMBERS, MAKE SIMILAR PRELIMINARY SOUNDING OF THIS PHASE OF EGYPTIAN FISH INDUSTRY.

6. RECOMMENDATION: ON BASIS OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND VARIOUS CONTACTS WITH SENIOR EGYPTIAN PLANNING OFFICIALS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT TM VISIT TO CAIRO WOULD BE MOST TIMELY. FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATIONS FOR THIS SECTOR ARE BEING REVIEWED WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND WILL VERY LIKELY BE INCREASED TO PERMIT REALIZATION CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF FOUR MAJOR PROJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE OVER NEXT 3 - 6 YEAR

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PERIOD. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS USDOC TELEPHONE MISSION MEMBERS AND PRESENT ABOVE EVALUATION. IF THEY ARE INTERESTED, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THEY COME AS A BODY IN INFORMAL VISIT TO CAIRO UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR STOP IN IRAN. EMBASSY SUPPORT WOULD CONSIST OF MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS, ARRANGING FOR HIRED CARS (ABOUT \$20 PER CAR PER 12 HOUR DAY) AT MEMBERS' EXPENSE, BRIEFING AT EMBASSY AND TM-SUPPORTED RECEPTION. GIVEN SHORT LEAD TIME THERE ARE LIMITS TO PUBLICITY USIS CAN GIVE BUT WE WILL DO OUR BEST.

7. ACTION REQUESTED OF USDOC: ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER, WHEN AND HOW MANY OF GROUP WILL VISIT CAIRO; HOTELS VERY TIGHT BUT EMBASSY MAKING TENTATIVE BOOKINGS TEN MEMBERS FOR MAY 23 - JUNE 1 TIME FRAME.

8. NOTE: ABOVE MESSAGE DRAFTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF TEHRAN 3205. SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE DISCUSSION ITS CONTENTS WITH CHAIRMAN OF GOE MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT DEPARTMENT HAS WELL DEFINED, HIGH-PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ITEMS MENTIONED REFTEL EXCEPT FIBERGLASS TRAWLERS. ALSO NEEDS WORKSHOPS AND REPAIR FACILITIES. BOTH CHAIRMAN AND EMBASSY REQUEST VISIT CAIRO BY MISSION ADVANCE MAN BUCALO. CHAIRMAN WILL, IN INTERIM, PREPARE WRITTEN LIST OF NEEDS FOR BUCALO'S REVIEW.
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